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A.—With reference to supplemental question and answer to question No. 772 the Government have called for a report from the Inspector-General of Prisons as to whether it is possible to make in jails all the yarn required for jail purposes.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know when this report was called for ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I do not remember."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether he will call for a report as to how much yarn can be spun in the jails ? It is stated here that the Inspector-General of Prisons has been asked to report whether it is possible to make in jails all the yarn required for jail purposes and not what quantity it is possible to make in jails."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I belive all that will appear in the report that I have called for."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know the reason why the Government want to ascertain whether it is possible to make in jails all the yarn required for jail purposes for introducing cotton spinning in jails ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The answer that was given was with reference to the question on paper."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether it will not be possible, without getting the report, to introduce hand-spinning in jails, apart from the fact that all the yarn can be spun there or a portion of it only ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"Why not, Sir ?"

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I ask whether the hon. the Law Member will investigate into the matter whether hand-spinning cannot be introduced in respect of light labour prisoners ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"All that can be looked into only after the receipt of the report."

Water-supply in jails.

1297 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to the answer to my question No. 866 answered on 29th November 1928, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report called for ; and

(*b*) what steps they propose to take to improve the quality of water-supply in jails ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. The drinking water in every jail is chlorinated before distribution to the convicts. This chlorinated water is tested twice yearly by the Guindy Institute and reported as satisfactory. Any instruction issued by the Institute regarding the water-supply of jails is carried out.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know whether the Guindy Institute report says that the wells in all the jails except at Rajahmundry contain badly polluted water ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I want notice."